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We have given full consideration comments Yusuf Yasin on proposed program and have appreciated your counsel.

We have been particularly conscious problems presented by visit New York.

All planning strong desire protect dignity His Majesty and party and keep to minimum any opportunities embarrassing incidents or demonstrations has been uppermost in our minds. For this reason, with strong approval Saudi Embassy after discussion by Saudi Ambassador with UNSYG, it was concluded visit on day of arrival would be most satisfactory arrangement.

Similarly, in preparing program which follows, Department has given consideration possible appearance of His Majesty before Joint Session of Congress and possible speech at National Press Club luncheon in his honor, but has not included either in proposed final schedule. In view of fact King's visit is primarily for discussions with USG, it seemed to us that perhaps he would not desire take time required during short visit to prepare and deliver formal addresses and answer wide variety questions of type which might be put to him

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in connection with such public appearances. Suitable opportunity will be provided for King meet Congressional leaders on less formal basis and Department will be pleased cooperate with Saudi Embassy and King's advisers at such press meetings as he may desire.

Faisal Hegelan of Saudi Embassy proceeding Cairo January 16 with program. While he understands that we awaiting approval King before making program final, he will stress to Royal Counselors and to King great difficulties involved in making any changes dates and major events this program at this late date. We have advised Mr. Hegelan you will work closely with him in obtaining final approval for program. Any details not settled Cairo can be discussed with Victor Purse, Acting Chief of Protocol, who will join party in Naples. FYI - Purse ~~is personal representative of President~~ ~~President's personal representative and has rank of Assistant Secretary~~ will have program with him in most complete detail possible and will be prepared work to complete arrangements during voyage. We would strongly urge, in order that Purse may present expression of welcome on behalf President, and may review basic details program with King prior consultation with Royal Counselors, that you arrange audience at earliest possible moment after Purse's arrival Naples. Suggest you and Ohliger might meet with Purse before audience, but that participation members Royal party be held to minimum until after first audience. End FYI

January 29, arrival New York, tour of UN, followed by lunch and address to UN.

January 30-February 1 Washington: January 30, arrival (met by President), parade, ceremony at District Building, private luncheon, afternoon meeting with President, evening stag dinner given by President.

January 31

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January 31, Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, luncheon by Congressional leaders, afternoon meeting with Secretary of State, reception for Diplomatic Corps and in honor of King by Saudi Ambassador; evening dinner (mixed) by Secretary.

February 1, Briefing in Pentagon, visit to Islamic Center, luncheon by Secretary of Defense, afternoon meeting with President, King's dinner in honor of President.

February 2, Visit to Annapolis.

Commencing February 3 visit to following points: SAC, well-known University in West Middle ~~XXXX~~, an atomic energy installation, Air Force Academy and an Army installation.

Boston has been eliminated in view fact Harvard University does not give degrees except at convocation time. While we are aware King's desire avoid extensive travel and long air trips, we hope he may be agreeable relatively short trips in order view various activities outside Washington within his field of interest.

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